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Post-Mortem on NIE 82-58:

The Outlook for Guatemala,

dated 29 April 1958

I. Findings

No major intelligence deficiencies were noted during the preparation of NIE 82-58. However, the brief tenure of the Ydigoras regime at the time of the NIE's production made it difficult to discern trends on which to base estimates of future development. The chief estimative problems encountered were:

1. Whether Ydigoras will be able to develop effective and reliable party and popular support for a middle-of-the-road policy.

2. Whether the Revolutionary Party (PR) will be able to organize its diverse elements into an effective and responsible political opposition.

3. The extent to which the Communists will be able to infiltrate, influence, and control the PR and the labor movement.

II. Action

The members of the IAC are requested to take such action as they deem appropriate to keep the intelligence community currently informed regarding developments relating to these three problems.